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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

1. ATMOSPHERICS:

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

-- ROSY ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR ROC OVER NEXT SIX YEARS
PREDICTED BY EXECUTIVE YUAN'S ECONOMIC PLANNING COUNCIL
AS LEADING TO MUCH HIGHER STANDARD LIVING, FASTER PACE
INDUSTRIAL GROWTH, CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT PRODUCTION
STRUCTURE AND WELL-EQUIPPED INFRASTRUCTURAL SYSTEM.
AMONG COUNCIL'S PREDICTIONS: GNP WILL GROW AVERAGE 7.5
PERCENT YEARLY; NATIONAL INCOME WILL GROW BY 7.7 PERCENT
REAL TERMS YEARLY AND PER CAPITA INCOME BY 5.8 PERCENT
WITH PER CAPITA INCOME AMOUNTING US\$1,334 IN 1981
COMPAREBF1975'S US\$700; HEAVY AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES WILL
GROW 13 PERCENT YEARLY AND LABOR-INTENSIVE LIGHT INDUSTRIES
BY 7.1 PERCENT; AGRICULTURAL POPULATION WILL FALL FROM
28.09 PERCENT (1975) TO 24.2 PERCENT 1981; INDUSTRY-EMPLOYED
POPULATION WILL RISE FROM 35.3 PERCENT TO 36.6 PERCENT AND
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SERVICE-RELATED EMPLOYEMENTNROM 34.8 TO 39.2 PERCENT;

AHPORTS WILL GROW AVERAGE 12.2 PERCENT YEARLY AND IMPORTS
10.6 PERCENT WITH FAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE US\$60 MILLION 1981.

GROC PRIORITY TASKS

-- PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO ADDRESSING EXECUTIVE YUAN ONOK
"QUESTIONS
OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE TO POLITICAL SUCCESS OR
FAILURE" OUTLINED 11 PRIORITY TASKS FOR SECOND HALF 1976
INCLUDING: MODERNIZATION BANKING SERVICE; REFORM GOVERNMENT
CORPORATIONS; IMPROVE RAILROAD, HIGHWAY AND PORT OPERATIONS

RAISE EDUCATIONAL QUALITY; INCREASE EFFICIENCY JUDICIAL
SYSTEM WITH STRESS ON SWIFT TRIALS; PREPARE IMPLEMENT
REVISED STATUTES FOR EQUALIZATION PROPERTY RIGHTS; ENHANCE
GOVERNMENT WORKER DISCIPLINE AND REFORM GOVERNMENTAL
PERSONNEL SYSTEM; EMPHASIZE CONCISENESS AND CLARITY IN

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS AND IMPROVE SUPERVISION OVER LOCAL
GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.

2. MEDIA REACTION:

-- OLYMPIC SQUABBLE RECEIVED CONTINUING PROMINENT
COVERAGE ALL MEDIA INCLUDING WHITE HOUSE AND STATE
DEPARTMENT STATEMENTS, U.S. AND EUROPEAN EDITORIAL SUPPORT

FOR ROC, SENATOR GOLDWATER AND GOVERNOR REAGAN REMARKS,
NEW HAMPSHIRE GOVERNOR THOMPSON'S SUPPORT FOR ROC
ATHLETES AND QUOTES FROM FORMER TAIWAN OLYMPIC STARS
CHI CHENG AND C. K. YANG IN MONTREAL.

-- LARGEST CIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO-
380,000) AND INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES (350,000) QUOTED
GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN DENYING REPORTS ATHENS GREECE
ACROPOLIS THAT ROC CONSIDERING LEASING MAKUNG NAVAL BASE
IN PRESCADORES TO RUSSIANS IF U.S. NORMALIZES PRC RELATIONS.
MOFA SPOKESMAN H. P. CHUNG SAID THIS IMPOSSIBLE AND MND
SPOKESMAN GENERAL LEE CHANG-HAO DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE MATTER.
ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN QUOTED SAYING
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CHRISTOS PHILIPPIDES, WHO WROTE STORY, DID NOT TALK WITH
SINGLE GROC OFFICIAL DURING RECENT VISIT HERE. REPORT
THEREFORE BASELESS, OFFICIAL SAID, ADDING BASICIOC POLICY
REMAINS ADHERENCE DEMOCRATIC CAMP AND ANY STORIES ABOUT

CONTACTS WITH COMMUNIST NATIONS GROUNDLESS.

-- VISIT OF 14-MEMBER U.S. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF DELEGATION

AT INVITATION OF PACIFIC CULTURAL FOUNDATION, LED BY GEORGE NETHERCUTT, ASSISTANT TO SENATOR TED STEVENS, HEAVILY REPORTED MEDIA, ALONG WITH VISITS CONGRESSMAN JOHN P. ANDERSON AND STATE'S BURTON LEVIN. ANDERSON ADDRESSED AMERICAN STUDIES CONFERENCE AT TAMKANG COLLEGE. CHINA TIMES QUOTED CONGRESSIONAL ADIES URGING ROC PEOPLE REMAIN CONFIDENT AND CALM NO MATTER WHAT OCCURS INTERNATIONAL SITUATION SINCE MANY U.S. FRIENDS WILL NOT BETRAY ROC.

3. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

-- MAIN ATTRACTION OF THIS MONTPOJS HIGH LEVEL MONTHLY BREAKFAST MEETING WHOSE 30-ODD MEMBERS INCLUDE AMBASSADOR, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL BANK, LEADING AMERICAN AND CHINESE BUSINESSMEN, NUMEROUS MILITARY LEADERS WAS BILL MOYERS 60-MINUTE INTERVIEW WITH JIMMY CARTER. VIDEOCASSETTE SHOWINGS ARRANGED BY CPAO. AUDIENCE ENTHUSIASM GREAT. MEETING CHAIRMAN SEEKING ARRANGE SHOWING OTHER TOP CHINESE OFFICIALS; WORD HAS REACHED PRESIDENT YEN AND REQUEST RECEIVED FROM HIS OFFICE FOR SHOWING.

-- DURING KAOHSIUNG VISIT JULY 7 - 11 BY COMMANDER U.S. SEVENTH FLEET ABOARD FLAGSHIP USS OKLAHOMA CITY, USIS KAOHSIUNG BPAO JOHN THOMSON ARRANGED PRESS VISIT, SPECIAL TOURS OF SHIP, THREE BAND PERFORMANCES, AND ASSISTED WITH PROTOCOL ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMSEVENTYGLT RECEPTION FOR LOCAL DIGNITARIES.

-- POST RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER FROM MANAGER, CREDIT DEPARTMENT, HUA NAN COMMERCIAL BANK:
"WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES AS ONE OF THE LARGEST
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COMMERCIAL BANKS IN TAIWAN AND HAVE MAINTAINED FAVORABLE BANKING RELATIONS WITH MORE THAN SEVEN HUNDRED CORRESPONDENT BANKS ALL OVER THE STATES AND THE WORLD.

"WE HAVE OBTAINED ONE COPY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT FROM OTHER SOURCES AND FOUNDN
HAT SOME OF THE ARTICLES IN IT WERE
MARVELLOUS AND INTERESTING. SO WE WOULD KINDLY ASK YOU TO LIST OUR NAME AS ONE OF THE SUBSCRIBERS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT FROM TIME TO TIME. IFF THE PUBLICATION IS NOT SUPPLIED GRATIS, WE SHALL BE PLEASED TO PAY THE DUE CHARGES NEEDED..."
WE THINK QUALITY OF USIA PERIODICAL HAS ONE OF ITS STRONGEST TESTIMONIALS WHEN RECIPIENT OFFERS TO PAY COST. POST ACTION: NAME ADDED TO REGULAR LIST AT NO COST, OF COURSE.

-- DR. CHARLES CLEAVER, AMERICAN STUDIES PROFESSOR AT

GRINNELL COLLEGE AND FULBRIGHTER IN JAPAN, VISITING TAIPEI
TO PARTICIPATE IN SECOND TAMKANG AMERICAN STUDIES CONFERENCE,
GAVE GENERAL AUDIENCE LECTURE ON "A NEW REGIONALISM IN
U.S." IN TAIPEI LINCOLN CENTER BICENTENNIAL LECTURE
SERIES. CLEAVER'S AUDIENCE OF 105 COMPOSED LARGAZQ OF ARS
MEMBERS AND INCLUDED SENIOR MEMBER OF ROC EXAMINATION YUAN,
TAIPEI DISTRICT COURT PROSECUTOR AND SEVERAL AMERICAN
STUDIES PROFESSORS. CLEAVER'S ONE-HOUR PRESENTATION ON
PAST MANIFESTATIONS OF REGIONALISM AND ITS CURRENT REVIVAL
IN AMERICAN LIFE, AMERICAN NOSTALGIA TOWARD JEFFERSONIAN
VISION OF A RURAL AMERICA AND THE IMPACT OF NEW REGI
FALISM
ON MODERN AMERICAN LIFE WAS HIGHLY INFORMATIVE AND FITTED
IN WELL WITH "AMERICA IN PROSPECT AND RETROSPECT" THEME
OF BICENTENNIAL LECTURES. DR. CLEAVER'S MATERIAL EXCELLENT
BUT DELIVERY MANCER -- INCLUDING STRAIGHT READING OF TEXT --
LOST AUDIENCE INTEREST.
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